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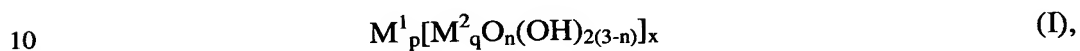
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We claim:

- 5 1. A process for preparing a polyetherol which comprises reacting at least one alkylene oxide with at least one starter compound in the presence of a catalyst, wherein the catalyst used is a multimetal oxide compound of the formula I:



where

- 15 - M^1 is at least one element of groups IA, IIA, IIIA, IVA, VA, IB, IIB, IIIB, IVB, VB, VIB, VIIB and/or VIIIB of the Periodic Table of the Elements,
- M^2 is at least one element of groups IVA, VA and/or VIA of the Periodic Table of the Elements,
- 20 - n is a fraction or integer from 2 to 3,
- p is 0 or a fraction or integer greater than 0,
- 25 - q is a fraction or integer greater than 0 and
- x is a fraction or integer from 1 to 20.

- 30 2. A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the catalyst used is a multimetal oxide compound of the formula I which has at least one of the following properties:

- (1') p is 1;
- (2') q is 1;
- 35 (3') x is an integer or fraction from 1.8 to 3.2;

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- (4') the metal M^2 is antimony;
- (5') the metal M^1 is selected from the group consisting of zinc and aluminum; and
- (6') n is an integer or fraction from greater than 2 to 3.

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3. A process as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the metal M^1 is zinc or aluminum.

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4. A process as claimed in any of claims 1 to 3, wherein the multimetal oxide compound of the formula I has a crystal structure which is isotypic with the structure of the mineral partzite.

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5. A process as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4, wherein the multimetal oxide compound of the formula I has a specific BET surface area of from 15 to 500 m^2/g .

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6. A process for preparing a polyetherol as claimed in any of claims 1 to 5, wherein the corresponding multimetal oxide compound is prepared using Sb_2O_3 or Sb_2O_4 .

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7. A process for preparing a polyetherol as claimed in any of claims 1 to 6, wherein the starter compound is an OH-monofunctional or OH-polyfunctional compound.

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8. The use of a multimetal oxide compound of the formula I as defined in any of claims 1 to 6 as catalyst for preparing a polyetherol from at least one alkylene oxide and at least one starter compound.

9. A polyetherol obtainable by a process as defined in any of claims 1 to 7.

10. The use of a polyetherol according to claim 9 for the synthesis of polyurethanes, as fuel additive or as surfactant.